

It is unfortunate to have to prepare for such things, but this is the government that rules, which continues to look more and more like a Nazi, fascist Germany as each day passes. We salute the people.

Details of our peaceful direct action are as follows. We hope this information helps inspire others to act boldly and peacefully, and to ease any anxieties to perceptions held that the state and these corporations are somehow an "omniscient" and "undefeatable" entity.

After studying intuitively how fires work, and the material of the infrastructures which we wished to halt (metal) we learned that the fire had to be hot enough to melt steel — and we have learned typical arsonry is not allows the most effective means, but every action is a thorn in their side.

On election night, knowing that gasoline burns quickly, but does not sustain by itself, we added motor oil (which burns at a higher temperature and for longer) and rags to coffee canisters and placed them on the seats of the machinery, piercing the coffee canisters once they were in place and striking several matches, anticipating that the seats would burn and maintain a fire long enough to make the machines obsolete. One canister did not light, and that is unfortunate, but five out of six ain't bad.

As we saw construction continue, we realized that pipe was going into the ground and that our only means to obstruct further corporate desecration was somehow to pierce through the empty steel pipes exposed at the numerous valve sites. We learned that a welding torch using oxygen and acetylene was the proper tool. We bought the equipment outside of our city in efforts to maintain anonymity as our goal was to push this corporation beyond their means to eventually abandon the project. We bought kits at Home Depot and the tanks at welding supply stores, like Praxair and Mathesons. Having no experience with welding equipment before, we learned through our own volition and we were able to get the job down to 7

minutes.

In our particular circumstances, we learned that scouting often hindered our ability to act in windows of opportunity. So, we went with our torches and protective gear on, and found numerous sites, feeling out the "vibe" of each situation, and deciding to act then and there, often in broad daylight. Trust your spirit, trust the signs.

Having run out of supplies (the tanks) we decided to return to arsony because every action counts. We used gasoline and rags along with tires (as tires burn a nice while, once a steady fire within them burns) to multiple DAPL sites and equipment.

We were able to get more supplies shortly after and returned to a valve site in Wapello County to act again. It was then we discovered that oil was flowing through the pipeline. This was not reported to the public, instead a story of "ditch depressions" was reported to the public in Wapello County as the reason to why the pipeline continued to be delayed.

It is because of these lies we choose to come out publicly, to set the record straight, and be open about these peaceful and viable tactics against corporate atrocities.

If there are any regrets, it is that we did not act enough.

Please support and stand with us in this journey because we all need this pipeline stopped.

Water is Life, oil is death.

Jessica Reznicek and Ruby Montoya"

Unicorn Riot has continued to cover this story since they have turned themselves over to authorities on July 24th. ★



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COYOTES RETURN

Coyotes have been spotted again in the wealthy Mainline area of suburban Philadelphia. Previously forced out of communities by development, when predators begin returning to more populated areas it's often coyotes that serve as a vanguard, returning to more urban locales for lack of other adequate land-bases to serve their survival. Pet owners, largely in the area of Villanova University, have been advised to keep their domesticated animals indoors and to snitch on the wildlife to police, drawing a picture of inbred familiars and

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POLICE CONDUCT BUSINESS

Whether it's Donald Trump's advocacy for openly brutal forms of policing in his speech to cops in Long Island, which was greeted with cheers, or the National Sheriff's internal memorandum explaining the ways to best crush activist movements without repercussions for themselves, it's clear that the police continue to maintain the status quo on behalf of oppressive elites. Neo-nazi organizers at Unite The Right in Charlottesville also suggested that the president himself was keeping the FBI off their back, and thus enhancing the fascists' destructive capabilities. This fits with many critics'

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GENTRIFICATION IN MANTUA

Mantua, a neighborhood roughly bordered by 31st and 40th streets and by Spring Garden Street up to Mantua Avenue, has been seeing new construction projects, with more projected into the next year. An especially impoverished area, Mantua's median income for a household was \$19,700 as of 2009, and 32% of land in the area was vacant as of 2013.

Since then, due to its proximity to Drexel University and University of Pennsylvania, which are directly south of the neighborhood, developers

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WHAT WENT DOWN

June 28: Communist and anti-police graffiti in South Philly.

Late July: A billboard in SW Philly is defaced with memorial graffiti for David Jones, killed by Philly police.

July 20: Banners are hung in solidarity with #j20 defendants.

Late July: Anti-police and J20 solidarity posters are wheatpasted in Chinatown.

Late July: Graffiti in Greys Ferry in solidarity with J20 arrestees.

July 24: Anti-police graffiti in Point Breeze.

July 24/25: Two residential construction sites and a back hoe have their windows smashed in Greys Ferry.

August 7: Mayor's new conferences on a littering and environmental cleaning program interrupted by Black Lives Matter protestors for David Jones.

August 12: Protestors block the Vine Street Expressway following a vigil for the woman killed by fascists in Charlottesville, VA.

August 13: A banner was hung from the Reading Viaduct that read, "Death to White Power," and pamphlets were thrown into the street in solidarity with the anti-fascists who fought in Charlottesville.

August 16: Frank Rizzo statue in Center City egged.

August 17: "BLACK POWER" tagged on Frank Rizzo statue in Center City.

August 17: Secret Service agents visit and question the neighbors of a West Philly activist who had unfurled a banner reading "Women, Resist White Supremacy" two days earlier at the Trump Tower.

August 19: Vandals deface Frank Rizzo mural with tags and paint. ★

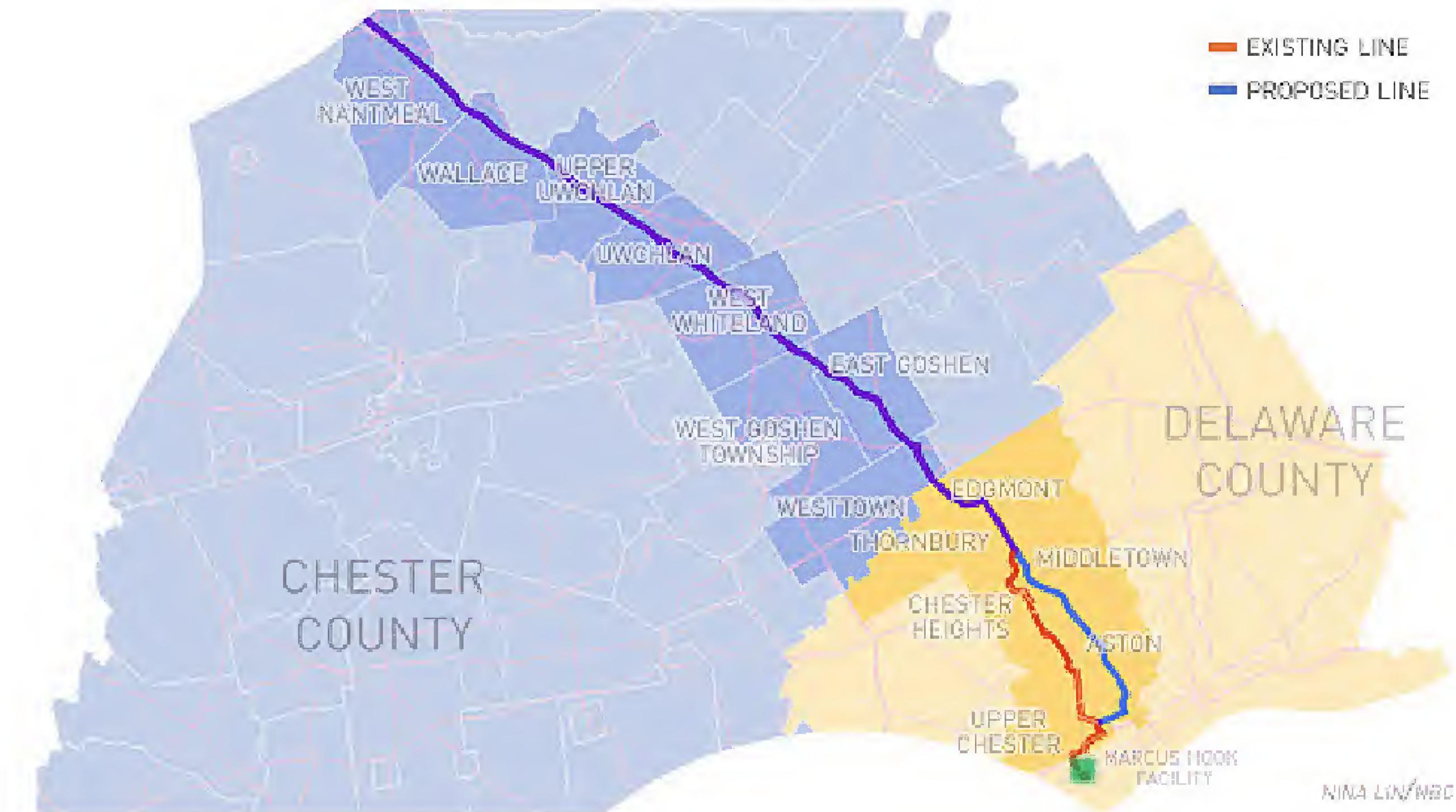
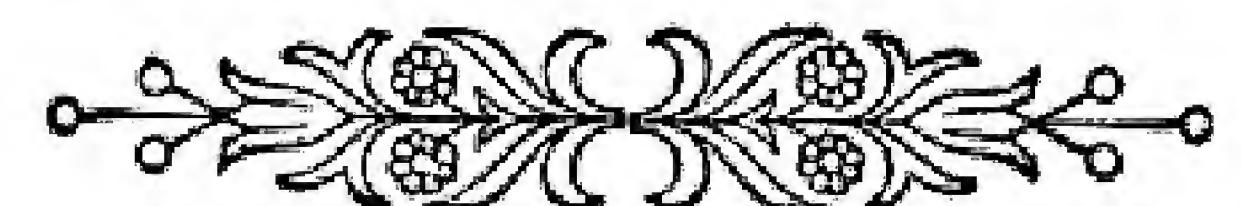
THOUGHTS ON CHARLOTTESVILLE

A battle may have been won, but at significant cost, and we are still losing the war.

White supremacy distinctly pervades this society, with people of color having to bear the brunt of the violence perpetuated by it on a daily basis, and with much of it coming from so-called allies denying their inherent racism and accepting the ways they benefit from it without specifically using those benefits to combat it. So when outright white nationalists feel empowered enough to publicly fly their flags and banners advocating racial supremacy on any street, and therefore perpetuating violence against marginalized peoples, there is a battle being lost. The least we can do at that point is show up to drive them out, as so many valiantly did in Charlottesville. The most obvious cost, in this particular instance, was the open vehicular attack on a largely defenseless crowd of people, resulting in many serious injuries and one death so far.

People of all sorts of backgrounds and affiliations showed up in a more commendable way than might have been expected of a largely passive liberal populace, but many of us seemed to overlook the fact that these bigots were deadly dangerous and should be treated as such. The murder of Heather Heyer was an act of war by a genocidal populace, and this war has been going on a long time – more than 500 years on this continent, alone – with other anarchists and antifascists being stabbed and shot in this country recently and murdered abroad. Still, it is people of color more generally that receive most of the violence, and I'm left wishing that I believed this will be enough to move us to match the violent output of white supremacy before its advocates have another chance to promote it so openly, again.

Solidarity with those bringing the fight to the fascists and other perpetrators of white supremacy. In remembrance of Heather Heyer. For accomplices, not allies. ★



We then returned to arson as a tactic. Using tires and gasoline-soaked rags we burned multiple valve sites, their electrical units, as well as additional heavy equipment located on DAPL easements throughout Iowa, further halting construction.

Later, in the first week of May we attempted yet again to pierce a valve located in Wapello County, IA with an oxy-acetylene cutting torch. It was at this time we discovered oil was flowing through the pipe. This was beyond disheartening to us, as well as to the nation at large. This event was again hidden from the public and replaced with lies about "ditch depressions". (ottumwacourier.com link)

We stand here now today as witnesses of peaceful, nonviolent direct action. Our actions have been those of necessity and humility. We feel we have done nothing to be ashamed of. For some reason the courts and ruling government value corporate property and profit over our inherent human rights to clean water and land.

We are speaking publicly to empower others to act boldly, with purity of heart, to dismantle

the infrastructures which deny us our rights to water, land and liberty. We as civilians have seen the repeated failures of the government and it is our duty to act with responsibility and integrity, risking our own liberty for the sovereignty of us all.

Some may view these actions as violent, but be not mistaken. We acted from our hearts and never threatened human life nor personal property. What we did do was fight a private corporation that has run rampantly across our country seizing land and polluting our nation's water supply. You may not agree with our tactics, but you can clearly see the necessity of them in light of the broken federal government and the corporations they protect.

We do not anticipate a fair trial but do expect our loved ones to undergo harassment from the federal government and the corporations they protect. We urge you to not speak one word to the federal government and stand firm in order to not be oppressed further into making false, but self-incriminating statements. Film these interactions. There are resources as what to do if the federal agents appear at your doorstep, educate and

MIDWEST PIPELINE SABOTAGE

Unfortunately two women decided to turn themselves in for the actions described below and are being taken to Polk County Jail. Both are being charged, thus far, with "4th degree criminal mischief" for destroying the Public Utilities sign just before arrest. No charges have been brought yet for the alleged sabotage of the pipeline. Let's learn from them and proliferate this resistance!

The press release can be read below in full:

"The Dakota Access Pipeline is an issue that affects this entire nation and the people that are subject to its rule. With DAPL we have seen incredible issues regarding the rule of law, indigenous sovereignty, land seizures, state sanctioned brutality, as well as corporate protections and pardons for their wrongdoings. To all those that continue to be subjected to the government's injustices, we humbly stand with you, and we ask now that you stand with us.

Federal courts gave corporations permission to lie and withhold information from the public resulting in a complete media blackout. So, after recently being called by the Intercept, an independent media outlet, regarding illegal surveillance by the Dakota Access Pipeline and their goons, we viewed this as an opportunity to encourage public discourse surrounding nonviolent direct action as well as exposing the inadequacies of the government and the corporations they protect.

After having explored and exhausted all avenues of process, including attending public commentary hearings, gathering signatures for valid requests for Environmental Impact Statements, participating in Civil Disobedience, hunger strikes, marches and rallies, boycotts and encampments, we saw the clear deficiencies of our government to hear the people's demands.

Instead, the courts and public officials allowed these corporations to steal permissions from

landowners and brutalize the land, water, and people. Our conclusion is that the system is broken and it is up to us as individuals to take peaceful action and remedy it, and this we did, out of necessity.

We acted for our children and the world that they are inheriting is unfit. There are over five major bodies of water here in Iowa, and none of them are clean because of corporation's flagrant irresponsibility, and now another wishes to poison literally millions of us irreparably by putting us all at risk of another major catastrophe with yet another oil spill. DAPL has already leaked, and it will continue do so until the oil is shut off and the pipes are removed from the ground.

On election night 2016, we began our peaceful direct action campaign to a Dakota Access construction site and burned at least 5 pieces of heavy machinery in Buena Vista County, IA. Details regarding this action are attached to this statement below. This was information which was not shared with the public. We recognize that our action wasn't much, but we at least stopped construction for a day at that particular site.

We then began to research the tools necessary to pierce through 5/8 inch steel pipe, the material used for this pipeline. In March we began to apply this self-gathered information. We began in Mahaska County, IA, using oxy-acetylene cutting torches to pierce through exposed, empty steel valves, successfully delaying completion of the pipeline for weeks. After the success of this peaceful action, we began to use this tactic up and down the pipeline, throughout Iowa (and a part of South Dakota), moving from valve to valve until running out of supplies, and continuing to stop the completion of this project. More information on these actions is followed at the end of this statement.

These actions of great public interest were hardly reported and the federal government and Energy Transfer Partners colluded together to lie and withhold vital information to the public.

Call out for an International Week of Anarchist Prisoners 2017

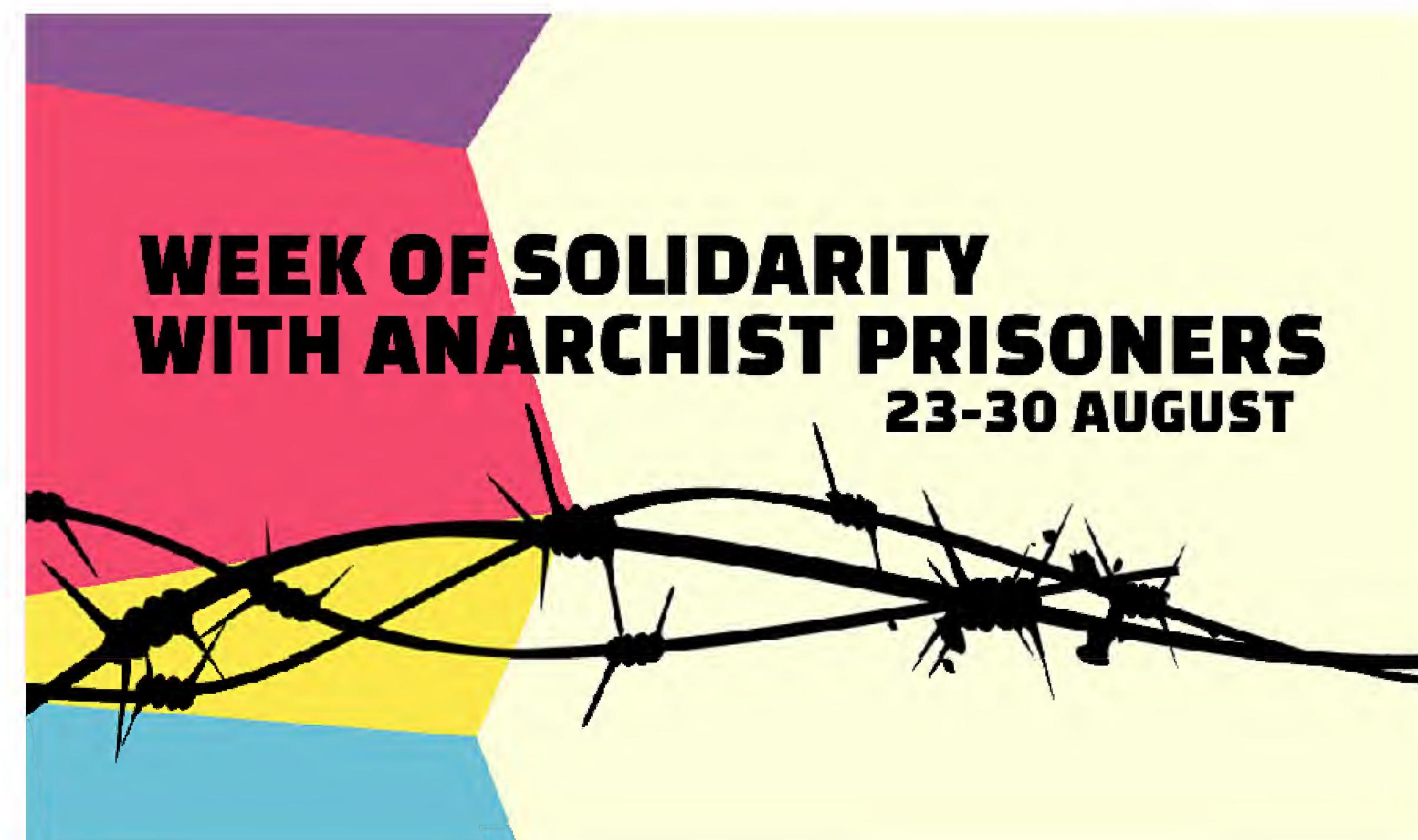
This year, the International solidarity week for anarchist prisoners will take place for the fifth time, from August 23rd to 30th and will be stronger than ever!

Some political prisoners are already supported, but many are not. Also, the supported often hold authoritarian political views rather than anti-authoritarian or grassroots perspectives. Anarchist prisoners are not often well-known people, even though they might be long term activists. Their ways of fighting oppressors and oppression are often illegal or criminalized by the state, which is frowned upon by some authoritarian organizations. Many are surprised to discover that anarchist prisoners' cases are numerous and diverse.

We wanted to choose a week, so that it would be as easy as possible to organize different kinds of expressions of solidarity. The beginning of the week was chosen to coincide with the execution date of Sacco and Vanzetti, two Italian-American anarchists, in 1927. They were convicted with very little evidence, and many consider that they were punished from their anarchist views.

All are welcome to participate in the week of solidarity!
Solidarity can take many forms, be creative!
The passion for freedom is stronger than their prisons!

Please report your events and actions to tillallarefree@riseup.net. We list events on our page <http://solidarity.international/>. On the pages you can also find examples of and tips on actions, and mailing addressed to support imprisoned anarchists, links to prisoner lists and more. ★



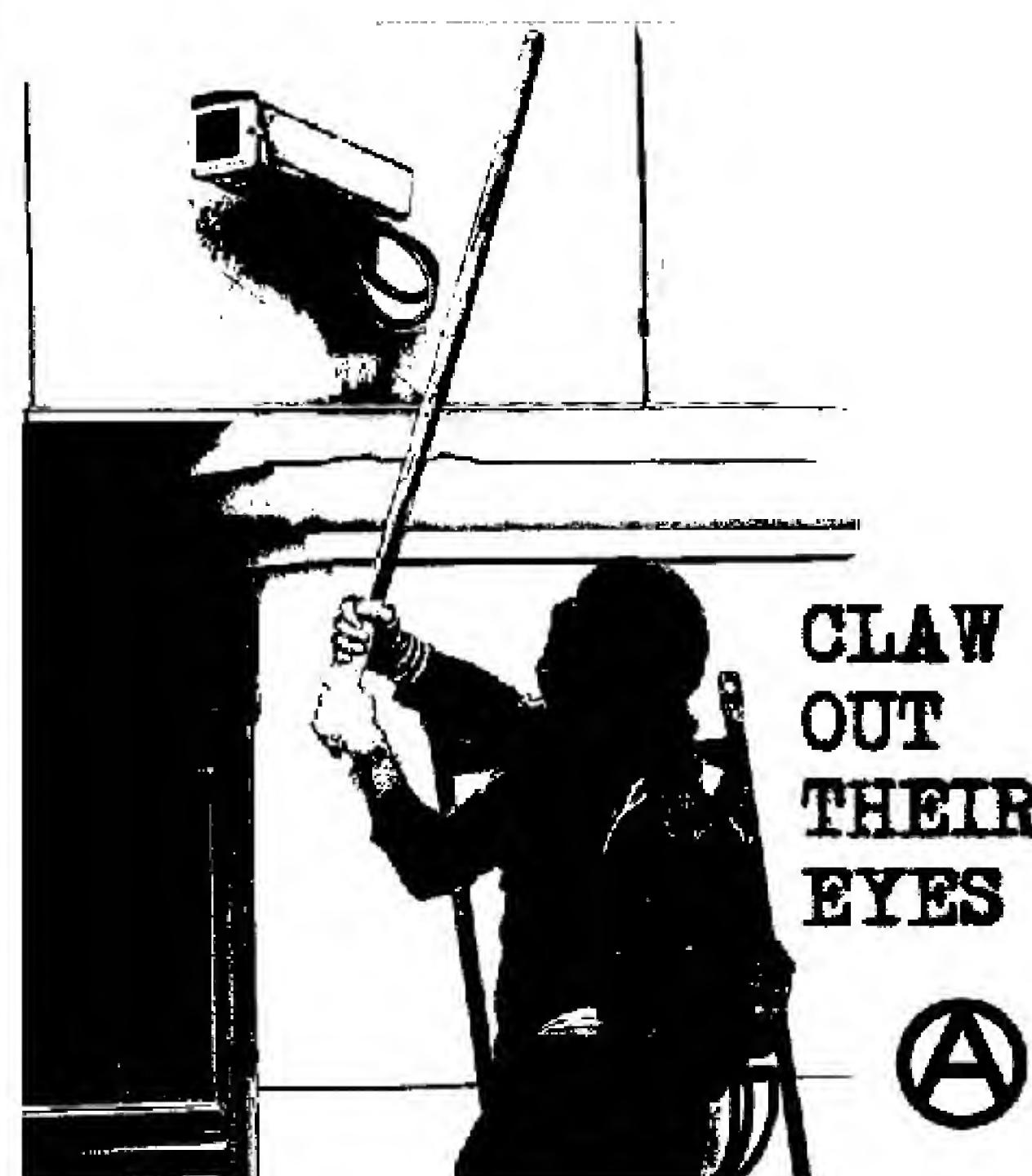
wildlife both falling further victim to (sub)urban sprawl and civilization.

Whether or not some of these pets’ ancestors had chosen to domesticate themselves to accompany humans, it was the humans that furthered a breeding that sacrificed many a practical ability previously innate in the species. We see this most commonly in dogs bred for cuteness that may have inherent difficulties with such basic activities as breathing. Similarly, there was a larger-than-average reporting of farm animals in western states being eaten by wolves in recent years, as the predators continued to lose habitat to development and came across the dulled instincts of domesticated creatures intended to be led to slaughter. For this tactical intelligence, the wolves were made targets for hunters immediately after being removed from the endangered species list.

The horror of human-sized assholes tormenting these beautiful predators from a helicopter before murdering them with high-powered rifles was glorified in many a patriotic photo shoot, with the shit-eating-grinners displaying the carcasses of once-majestic beasts.

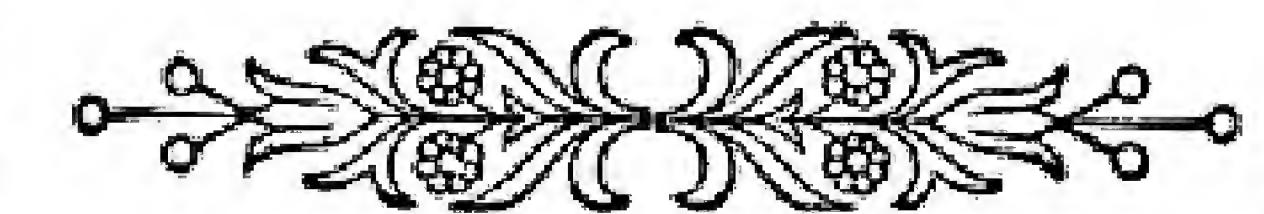
In those neighborhoods of this region that remain devoid of larger predators, aside from humans, there is often conversation concerning the overpopulation of deer. This is, of course, a reframing of a question to avoid considering the impact of human populations on the landbase; for it was humans who drove out the natural predators of the deer through settler colonialism and subsequent overpopulation; it was settlers who promoted an ecological imbalance, with fauna displacement going so far as to affect the health of rivers, as explained by George Monbiot; and it was settlers who poisoned what remained of the landscape and heralded in the sixth great extinction, now underway.

So when fox cubs are said to be cutting the brakelines of automobiles in Germany, it shouldn’t be surprising that this is celebrated in some anarchist media. Alternatively, when local activist groups issue an “action alert” to sign an online



petition regarding a pipeline, it’s a wonder there’s not stronger criticism of calling such relative passivity an action. And when a fundraising site drops an anarchist media project for its associations with “eco-terrorism,” it’s a wonder that anyone spends time trying to legitimize the “eco-terrorist” tactic in question for the benefit of those who subscribe to law and order, rather than embracing the tactic (however it is defined) and furthering the campaign to destabilize the industrial world.

Who are we but enemies of this toxic manifestation of society, at the very least, if not society at large? Society, that purveyor of so many systemic bigotries, conformity, and civilization. To deny our opposition is akin to a denial of anarchy, and thus a betrayal of freedom. For when we accept its frameworks – from language, to housing developments, to punishment for attacking it – we offer ourselves to this society’s project of enslaving the world and ridding it of wildness. ★



**excerpt from "Scumbag Co-op to arm ATM's with 'SmartWater'"
via Fire on the Horizon (UK)**

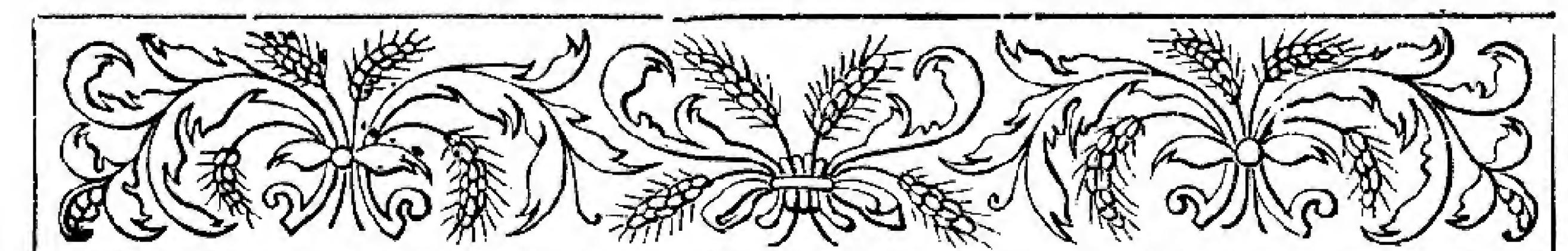
ATM raids have been on the rise on prison island in the last decade, a tactic imported from mainland fortress Europe. The methods of raiding the ATM's are listed below:

Gas attack – one gas is piped into the machine, then another, using cylinders and pipes, the combining gases result in an explosion when reacting together.

ATM raids involving a saw or angle grinder are most common in the north-west.

Black box attacks occur more in London, it involves a device being fitted to cash machines that causes them to dispense all their cash.

Another common method of attack involves raiders trying to break an ATM by smashing heavy machinery such as a digger into the ATM.★



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repudiations of presidents and of government on the whole as a white supremacist project that is just more openly embraced by the current regime than at some previous points.

Locally, we witness the structural become personal as a Philly cop is accused of sexually assaulting a mentally handicapped women behind a school, which is said to have security footage of the incident. That officer, Thomas O’Neill, retired shortly after the accusations were aired, but has yet to be charged with anything more than a year later. Similarly, we see the viral headline reading, “Surveillance Video Shows Officer Allegedly Abusing High School Students” above a still frame of footage clearly depicting abuse, as maintaining business-as-usual by Business Insider magazine. Pittsburgh officer Steve Shaulis is said to have called at least one of the students a derogatory name before the abuse began. This does not even speak to the many varieties of policing being exposed, like that of school officials and staff who are also implicated in abuse at the very same school outside of Pittsburgh; or that of corrections officers, like Corporal Ambrose Obinna-Warrior, who was recently indicted for sexually assaulting prisoners in Baltimore.

In Philadelphia, police shootings have been rampant over the past few weeks. Police shot a man to death in North Philly on August 11th, and shot another man in North Philly on August 8th; he was in hospitalized afterwards and his condition is unknown. No officers were injured in either incident. Seven cops shot a man in Kensington on July 19th.

Meanwhile, Mayor Jim Kenney signed a new three-year contract with the Philadelphia Police Union this month that makes no attempt to instate new disciplinary measures or reform the vast protections

currently afforded to police misconduct. Between 2008 and 2014 alone, 19 officers who had been disgraced in high-profile cases of police brutality or corruption were reinstated to the Philadelphia Police force. The new contract also awarded Philly officers annual raises of 3% for the next three years.

Again and again we find ourselves asking how to proceed if we want to abolish the police, when a sometimes critical though mostly complacent populace can’t even imagine replacing them with a nicer form of control that would be equally interested in maintaining capitalist relations. Some local commentators, in a graffiti medium beneath the South 25th Street viaduct, suggested, “kill a cop, save a life,” and encouraged us to “toast the cops with our choice of cocktail” next to a stenciled picture of a molotov.

Still, we wonder in the shorter term: what would be the implications for the October conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police if resistance to their control escalated beforehand? Would they move, postpone or cancel this event centered around strategizing about community relations – those same relations that aid deescalation of uprisings in reaction to violent police conduct?

The Kurdish YPG and YPG in Rojava are said to be maintaining a society free of police by arming every member of their populace, but only after they pass a course on feminism. More questions arise as to whether any aspect of that would work locally, or if other forms of policing arise out of that relationship – but it is also an idea that can be drawn from.★



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have been cashing in on the cheap stock of houses and vacant lots and have begun moving more affluent people and students to the area. Three-bedroom apartments are now being rented out for up to \$1,600 per month.

In 2014, President Obama declared Mantua and its surrounding area a “Promise Zone,” which gives it preferential status for federal funding. Mantua has since been awarded a \$30 million “Promise Neighborhood” grant from the U.S. Department of Education, and a \$600,000 grant from the Department of Justice for improvements to public safety. One of the only significant changes to the neighborhood noted so far has been increased police presence.

Residents of Mantua have been organizing over the past year to ask the city to rezone the neighborhood as primarily single-family housing, so that it will be more difficult for developers to build multi-unit student housing. The measure was implemented in June.

Mantua community organizations have also negotiated with Brandywine Realty Trust and Drexel to deter the spike in home values that will inevitably accompany their new Schuylkill Yards development, a 14-acre district of laboratories, offices, housing and shopping that is slated to start this year. Brandywine has agreed to spend \$5.6 million in Mantua, which will include spending on affordable housing and small business development.

Gentrification often brings in what residents understand to be improvements to an impoverished neighborhood, alongside new development projects that are more blatantly for profit and new people. While the neighborhood’s longstanding residents are often the ones advocating for such improvements in order to offset the negative impact of new development, these changes also serve corporate developers’ purposes by improving neighborhood conditions and attracting new residents to the area. In a neighborhood like Mantua, which is notorious for not having a grocery store, opening up more

small businesses may create new jobs for some longstanding residents, but it will also make the neighborhood more appealing for students and other wealthy new people. Since this will inevitably result in displacement, Mantua’s current residents will likely not be the ones reaping the benefit of the neighborhood’s improvements.

The gentrification trend that is currently being experienced nationwide has its origins in the second half of the past century, during which time capital moved to the suburbs, where land was cheaper and less developed. As a result, urban infrastructure and communities were abandoned and declined massively until the current period of so-called urban renewal, in which real estate development has returned to the cities to accumulate wealth off of the now nearly valueless land and property and by displacing their former residents.

Gentrification is one of the major ways in which capitalism has been able to continue accumulating wealth and sustain itself, always through the dispossession of certain populations – especially in deteriorating, post-industrial cities like Philadelphia. Gentrification has been one of the most visible and significant fronts on which capital and the city have waged social war on black and impoverished populations in Philly for over a decade now.

Philadelphia continues to have one of the most rapidly accelerating gentrification rates in the country. Studies have shown that gentrification has resegregated Philly neighborhoods, as clusters of white populations are spreading and moving racial boundaries block by block, pushing out black populations rather than gradually mixing in with them. While community organizations have had very little success so far in convincing developers and officials to change the course of development, consistent vandalism directed at the local forces and symbols of gentrification – from attacking University City District security warehouses to tagging small businesses and removing security cameras on new apartment buildings, to name a few actions claimed over the past year – has helped deter and slow down unwanted development in the areas of Philly near Mantua.★

DIRECT ACTION TOPPLES SYMBOLIC

Confederate statues have re-entered the public dialogue about race and power in the United States. Following the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville that murdered anti-fascist protester Heather Heyer it has been difficult to ignore the connection between the current generation of racists and the symbols of white supremacy they are willing to kill to protect. The reason the Unite the Right rally was to take place was to protest the removal of a statue of Confederate general Robert E. Lee. In Philadelphia statues of Confederate are nowhere to be found, but this is no reason for residents to believe they have nothing to do when it comes to statues.

When commenting on the removal of Confederate statues around the country president Donald Trump said, "This week it's Robert E. Lee. I notice that Stonewall Jackson's coming down, I wonder, is it George Washington next week, and is it Thomas Jefferson the week after? You know you really do have to ask yourself, where does it stop?" He's right! This is an important question to ask. Residents of Philadelphia must ask themselves, if they are truly against white supremacy why stop at the removal of Confederate symbols? There has already been a lot of talk of removing the statue of Frank Rizzo in Center City (the mural of him in the Italian Market is the most defaced in the city). A statue of Icelandic colonizer Thorfinn Karlsefni* in Fairmount Park has been vandalized at least twice. Monuments to Christopher Columbus sit peacefully undisturbed in South Philly and along the Delaware river. Old City is an entire neighborhood memorializing the colonial foundations of the country. These are just scratching the surface.

Let's take it further still. When looking around the city one can't help but notice that there are symbols of white supremacy everywhere, and most of them are not even statues! How can residents be asked to choose between getting

rid of statues of colonizers and of slavers or schools that colonizes the minds of youth, and prisons that forces inmates to work? How are residents to decide when to stop taking down symbols of racism? Maybe when there are none left?

*Thorfinn Karlsefni was an Icelandic colonizer aka a viking. He led a voyage to "North America" and was driven out by the indigenous people in around 1010 AD, about 500 years before Christopher Columbus. His statue in Philadelphia has been used as a rallying point for local fascists to celebrate white supremacy on Leif Erikson day every October.★

THE SCIENCE OF STATUES

You ever see a statue rust? No? Because they're made of bronze.

Bronze is mostly made of copper, because it doesn't corrode in nature. But, like a rusty car, once corrosion starts it's really hard to stop.

Copper degrades into copper chloride, which is crumbly and not a good statue material. So, if you ever want to take down a bronze statue you're going to want to spray the base with hydrochloric acid, followed by hydrogen peroxide, then just walk away.

You can even do this hours or days apart. Chemistry, like love, is patient. You don't even need the hydrogen peroxide; it's just faster.

You can find hydrogen peroxide at any pharmacy or grocery store. HCl (hydrochloric acid) can be ordered at any lab supply. I like Antec. HCl is also known as Muriatic acid, which is what it will be called on the concrete

cleaner at your local hardware store. They also sell it as a pool chemical. It might be called "pH down" or something like that.

So go forth and do science.

Tiny PS: If you're doing a jog-by splashing, you want to use an HDPE bottle to put your acid in. Nalgene works great.

Aaaaand PSS: Your stomach acid is HCl, so if you can't spray a statue with lab grade acid, feel free to vomit on one.★

